

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: August 2018 – O-500

2017-2018 Proposed Goals & Accomplishments Moral Character Subcommittee

1. Training regarding conducting informal conferences and the decision making process which also covers limits of permissible questions, areas of inquiry and options for abatement.

December 2017

During the Committee's December 2017 meeting, the Committee received training by former Chair Alan Yochelson on conducting informal conferences with moral character determination applicants.

2. Receive presentation from the State Bar's Lawyer's Assistance Program regarding their program and procedures.

March 2018

During the Committee's March 2017 meeting, the Committee received training by Alex Yufik of the Lawyer's Assistance Program (LAP) on the purpose of LAP and how the program can benefit both attorneys and bar applicants.

3. Prepare guidelines for consideration of UPL issues for use at informal conferences.

May 2018

UPL guidelines have been drafted and are being reviewed for distribution to the Committee.

4. Receive presentation by the Office of Chief Trial Counsel on its role in moral character determination State Bar Court hearings to cover, among other things, how to create a better record justifying a denial.

August 2018

Because of time considerations, this training will be presented at the next Committee meeting to be held in October 2018.

5. Receive additional trainings on topics relative to moral character determinations (e.g. Ethics School, Client Trust Accounting School).

Ongoing

6. Conduct informal conferences and make recommendations with respect to Applications for Determinations of Moral Character.

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